

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and as a minimum, should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the 1996 Telecom Act.

Furthermore, the Bell companies must be obligated to completely separate any subsidiaries selling data services from their infrastructure business. Other ISPs are at distinct disadvantage when Bell companies are free to subsidize their data business with revenues from their regulated, guaranteed-profit monopoly business.

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